Forest areas dereserved for projects

3447. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the forest areas dereserved for different projects of mining, industries, irrigation, etc. State-wise, during the last three years, till date;

(b) whether it is a fact that large amount on account of compensatory afforestation is still lying unutilised; and

(c) if so, whether Government have reserved that amount for the same purpose or propose to divert the same for other department expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI B ABU LAL MARANDI): (a) 65390 ha. forest land has been diverted for different projects of mining, industries, irrigation etc. during the last three years. The State-wise forest area diverted is given in the statement. *(See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is no proposal to divert the money realised for Compensatory Afforestation for any other purpose.

Statement

(Area in ha.)

SI. No	Name of the State/UTs	Forest area diverted during last three years
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2332
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	48
3.	Assam	116
4.	Bihar	2758
5.	Goa	370
6.	Gujarat	9206
7.	Haryana	279
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1064
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	—

(Area in ha.)

SI. No	Name of the State/UTs	Forest area diverted during last three years
10.	Karanataka	2191
11.	Kerala	350
12.	Madhya Pradesh	15159
13.	Maharashtra	6947
14.	Manipur	2
15.	Meghalaya	5
16.	Mizoram	8561
17.	Orissa	7474
18.	Punjab	1788
19.	Rajasthan	2189
20.	Sikkim	—
21.	Tamil Nadu	189
22.	Tripura -	1727
23.	Uttar Pradesh	2252
24.	West Bengal	288
25.	A and N Island	68
26.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	27
27.	Daman Diu	—
	TOTAL	65390

Ganga Action Plan running behind schedule

3448. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI MAN MOHAN SAM AL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ganga Action Plan is running much behind the schedule, despite remodification and strengthening and enhanced budgetary allocations during the past one and half decade;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;